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UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Commissioner for Patents
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Customer No. **21839**

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[] Applicant(s) hereby requests that the above-captioned application **NOT BE PUBLISHED** under 35 U.S.C. § 122(b) and 37 C.F.R. § 1.211. The undersigned hereby certifies that the invention disclosed in this application has not and will not be the subject of an application filed in another country, or under a multilateral international agreement, that requires publication at eighteen months after filing.

☒ Applicant(s) requests that the published application include the following assignment information: Philip Morris USA, Inc., New York, New York.

[X] four sheet(s) of drawings;

[] in the declaration;

☐ a General Authorization for Petitions for Extensions of Time and Payment of Fees;

[] an Information Disclosure Statement:

[] Other: _____

[X] also is enclosed [] will follow.

[] Please amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence (an executed declaration referencing this amendment is enclosed or will follow):

[] --This application claims priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119 to U.S. Provisional Application No. _ entitled _ and filed on _, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference.--

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☐ --This application is a continuation of International Application No. filed on ,
the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference--.

☒ The filing fee has been calculated as follows ☐ and in accordance with the enclosed
preliminary amendment:

C L A I M S					
	NO. OF CLAIMS		EXTRA CLAIMS	RATE	FEE
Basic Application Fee					\$750.00 (1001)
Total Claims	15	MINUS 20 =	0	× \$18.00 (1202) =	
Independent Claims	2	MINUS 3 =	0	× \$84.00 (1201) =	750.00
If multiple dependent claims are presented, add \$280.00 (1203)					
Total Application Fee					750.00
If small entity status is claimed, subtract 50% of Total Application Fee					
Add Assignment Recording Fee \$40.00 (8021) if Assignment document is enclosed					
TOTAL APPLICATION FEE DUE					750.00

☐ This application is being filed without a filing fee. Issuance of a Notice to File Missing
Parts of Application is respectfully requested.

☐ A check in the amount of \$ is enclosed for the fee due.

☒ Charge \$ 750.00 to Deposit Account No. 02-4800 for the fee due.

☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R.
§§ 1.16, 1.17 and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any
overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-4800. This paper is submitted in duplicate.

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